

OWASIPPE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Welcomes...

TO IT'S MIDST , AND GREETES YOU WITH THE
MESSAGE THE AGED CHIEF GAVE HIS SON-

"FOR HE WHO SERVES HIS FELLOWS IS,
OF ALL HIS FELLOWS , GREATEST".

Chief

Chief of the Fire

Inducted at

Date:

*"Oh my father, I am ready;
Send me on this gracious errand."*

Uncas, worthy son of the aged chief Chingachgook, thus announced to his tribe, the Delawares, that he was ready to go forth and help his people even at the cost of his own life. You, too, in a different way, have served those about you, and because of this, they have seen fit to elect you to membership in the Order of the Arrow, which in the language of the Lenape Indians is:

WIMACHTENDIENK

WINGILAUCHIK

WITAHEMUI

Congratulations, Brother, on your achievement of membership in the Order of the Arrow. We are confident that this membership was wisely bestowed. We trust you have been inspired toward a lifelong purpose of cheerful service. We know that this honor, and election to our Brotherhood is an honor few receive, was bestowed "not so much for what you have done, but for what you will do." You are expected to fulfill this obligation which you accepted when you were inducted. Those who elected you will look to you for leadership, for wisdom, and for guidance. You are now an Arrowman, do not fail those who elected you.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has set down a fourfold purpose of the Order of the Arrow.

1. To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives and such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
3. To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as part of a Unit's camping program, and to strengthen the District and Council camping program both year-around and in the summer camp, as directed by the Camping and Activities Committee of the Council.
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

This fourfold purpose is the very heart of the Order of the Arrow. Every member should be familiar with it. In it you will find the secret of the growth of our Brotherhood, and its continued success. YOU, as a new member, must adopt this fourfold purpose as your own, to guide you in your Scouting life. By working toward this end, you, and others with you, will insure the success of Brotherhood of which you are now a part, and will strengthen the spirit of Scouting so that it can continue to be the greatest youth movement in the world today.

You can start by attending every Chapter meeting and taking part in the business of these meetings, if you do not understand what is taking place in the Arrow, seek information from the older members or the Chief.

Your Chapter has many service committees. Try to get on at least one of them. Seek out the Chairman of the Service and Ideas Committee and offer your services. Tell them how much time you have at your disposal.

Your membership in the Order of the Arrow should strengthen your troop affiliation. If you have a position that carries responsibility, give the best service, help your troop to grow and be active in Troop, Community and Council activities.

Truly the world of opportunity for service is yours. The Order of the Arrow is yours. We are proud of our organization, for it is a living group. As long as individuals such as you become vitally interested in carrying out what so many before you have undertaken, that is to render unselfish service to others, the life of our Lodge will be assured and its Ideals will survive. Remember always, "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

Principles of the Order...

In keeping with the Purpose of the Order, our Brotherhood is primarily a service organization. The work that you did as part of your Ordeal benefited the camp and the Scouts who use the camp and its facilities. In the future, you can expect to be called to give of your time and talents in the service of Scouting. Those who forget the spirit of Cheerful Service may belong to the Order of the Arrow, but they are not Arrowmen. They cannot find the true spirit of our Brotherhood, nor can they understand the cheerfulness of those who do their best to serve others.

The Order of the Arrow is a democratically run organization. Its members were all elected, like you, by their fellow campers. The officers are elected by you and the other members of your Chapter.

The Arrow is for Scouts and for Explorers. It is your organization. Brothers over twenty-one cannot run for office, nor can they vote in any election.

Your unit was able to elect you to the Order because it was a camping Unit. When you take part your Chapter's Camp Promotion project, you will find there are Units, far too many of them, that cannot hold elections because they do not have five Scout campers in their ranks. Your first MOST IMPORTANT duty to the Arrow is to take part in your Unit's activities, strengthen its camping program, help plan and carry out its activities, and pass on your camping skill and knowledge to the new Scouts in your Unit. Do this, and nothing more, and you will be first in the eyes of your Brothers in the Order.

Always keep in mind the fact that the Order of the Arrow is not separate from the Scouting movement. Its life blood is Scouting. You cannot be a faithful member of the Order of the Arrow unless you are an active, dedicated Scout registered and active in a Unit.

6 *History of the Order of the Arrow*

In the summer of 1915, the Director of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Camp, finding it desirable to have some definite system of recognition of those Scouts who stood out in their exemplification of the promise and law, organized the Wimachtendienk, W. W., later known as the Order of the Arrow. Dr. E. Urner Goodman was the camp director and Carroll A. Edson was his assistant. Together they held the Arrow's first meetings and ceremonies in a bit of woods not generally used for activity purposes. Here they created a council ring where all honors were awarded.

As the highest camp honor, one Scout, previously chosen by each Troop at the end of its stay in camp, was inducted into this the beginnings of the Order. From that time forward, the Order has been centered in the Camp program, not only at this, its original home, but in hundreds of Councils now operating Lodges.

The order grew slowly until after the First World War. But the plan of organizing and utilizing the Scouts of finest spirit in camp proved so helpful that, after the War, Lodges were formed in several other Councils.

The First National Convention convened in Philadelphia, on October 7, 1921, and a National Lodge, composed of all the local Lodges was formed and took over the affairs of the Order, adopted a Constitution and a statement of policies.

Following this initial convention, a steady progressive growth in Lodges and membership was noted. In November, 1929, at the National Lodge meeting, some discussion was had pointing to the adoption of the Order by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a component part of its program. At a session of the National Lodge in 1933, held at the Owasippe Scout Reservation, this proposal was definitely made and ratified by the delegates. On June 2, 1934, the Order of the Arrow was approved by the National Council of the Boy Scouts.

In May, 1949, the National Council Executive Board of the Boy Scouts approved the complete integration of the Order of the Arrow in the program of the Scouting movement. This action resulted in the dissolution of the National Lodge of the Order and brought its National supervision directly within the regular

administrative channels of the Boy Scouts of America. Thus the National Executive Committee of the Order became the National Committee on the Order of the Arrow, a sub-committee of the National Committee on Camping and Special Events.

The Owasippe Lodge

The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from the Owasippe Scout Reservation, named after the great Indian Chieftain of the Pottawatamie Tribe. The legend of Owasippe and his two sons is part of our Lodge tradition, which is woven into the history of the Owasippe Reservation. Just as Owasippe's two sons went through a period of testing, so did you. That you are now with us proves that you succeeded.

The history of our Brotherhood in the Chicago Area Council goes back to 1921. At that time each of the section camps of the Reservation petitioned the National Lodge for Charters. In 1928 these Lodges merged and formed the Owasippe Lodge. In the same year the National Lodge chartered this new Lodge. The lodge, however, divided into six chapters and each chapter maintained its powers and program as they were before the merge. In 1953 the lodge followed the council and divided into one chapter in each district.

We are presently chartered by the National Committee on the Order of the Arrow. Our Lodge is further sub-divided into twenty five self-governing chapters, one chapter for each District in the Chicago Area Council. Not all Lodges are organized into chapters, but the immense size of the Owasippe Lodge makes such a division necessary. The Lodge Executive Council, which is the governing body of the Lodge, is composed of the Chapter Chiefs and other delegates. This Council sets down the rules and policies for the Lodge and sets up a framework of general policy within which the Chapters of the Lodge operate.

The Owasippe Lodge Rules

Here is a summary of the Owasippe Lodge Rules in which you will be interested. These are the Rules which govern the Lodge and to which the Chapters must mold their own operation.

I

The name of this Lodge shall be the OWASIPPE LODGE of the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W.

The Totem of the Owasippe Lodge shall be the hand of Fellowship, plus the Arrow nestling in the palm of the hand.

II

There shall be an Executive Council of the Lodge, which shall consist of the Lodge Officers and the Chapter Chief or Alternate Delegates from each Chapter in the Lodge, with the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Lodge Advisor, preceding Lodge Chief and committee Advisors constituting the non-voting membership. The Executive Council shall be the governing body of the Lodge, and the Lodge and its Chapters shall be subject to its legislative authority.

The Governing body of each Chapter shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected Chapter Officers and the Meteu, Chapter Advisor, Financial Advisor, Chapter Chief of the Fire, District Camping and Activities Committee Chairman or his representative, and the Chapter committee chairmen and their Advisors.

III

Any Scout, Explorer or Scouter CAMPER, actively registered, is eligible for election into the Order.

A Camper is one who has camped for a minimum of fifteen days and nights, not more than seven of which can be a long term camp such as summer camp.

Before induction, candidates must have reached the rank of First Class Scout. There is no rank requirement of Explorers or Scouters.

Brotherhood Membership is conferred upon those Ordeal members who have continued in service to Scouting and Camping for at least ten months since their Ordeal induction and are registered.

in the Boy Scouts of America and the Owasippe Lodge.

A candidate for the Vigil honor shall have been a Brotherhood Member for at least two years and measure up to the following:

- Had long service to Scouting, beyond four years;
- Held positions of leadership, patrol leader and up;
- Continued in leadership;
- Held positions of leadership in the Lodge and Chapter;
- Given service to the Order through a minimum of five committee projects;
- Given service to camping;
- Given leadership to other youth and committee groups;

IV

All elected officers and the Meteu of the Lodge and the Chapters shall be elected or appointed before their twenty-first birthday. An officer who becomes twenty-one during his term may complete his term of office but is ineligible for any succeeding election.

V

An active member shall pay annually a \$1.00 dues. The Chapters may charge an additional activity fee, but a member cannot be compelled to pay more than \$1.00 if for some reason he cannot actively participate in the Chapter. (e.g. Armed Service, College, etc.)

Arrow Insignia

You may secure the Order Insignia at the Trading Post, either in camp or at the Council office at 9 West Washington.

The Ordeal pin is the Arrow
 the Brotherhood pin is the Lodge Totem,
 the Vigil pin can be the Lodge Totem with superimposed triangle or a single triangle pin with gold filled arrows.
 The sash is to be worn point upwards, over the right shoulder. It is to be worn only at Order of the Arrow affairs should not be worn at any other times (i.e. troop meetings)
 The lodge patch and the silver arrow on a ribbon may be worn anytime and should be placed on the right shirt pocket.

Should you have other questions on the Order you may buy a copy of the Order of the Arrow Handbook at the Trading Post.

A Guide to Pronunciation

To help you to pronounce some of the words used in the Order of the Arrow, we present a key to their pronunciation, which we hope will help you in future Arrow Work.

Ahoalton

Allowat Sakima

Chingachgook

Kichkinet

Lenni Lenape

Meteu

Uncas

Wimachedentienk

Wingilauchik

Witahemui

Ah'-ho-al'-ton

Al'-lo-wot Sa-kee'-ma

Ching'-gatch-gook

Kitch-kin-et'

Len'-nee Len-ah'-pee

Me-tay'-u

Un'-cas

Wee-mok'-ten-dee-enk

Win-go-louch'-sick

Witah-hem'-oo-ee

' indicates accent or emphasis

The Arrow Song

Firm bound in Brotherhood

Gather the clan that cheerful service

Brings to fellow man.

Circle out council fire,

Weld tightly ev'ry link

That binds us in Brotherhood

Wimachtendienk.

For... Autographs and Notes...

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